

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH,

FRIMLEY URBAN DISTRICT.

1905.

The Frimley Urban District has an area of 7,674 acres, with an estimated population at the middle of the year of 11,835, including 2,331 at Deepcut and Blackdown Barracks.

The number of Births registered during the year was 254 (121 Males and 133 Females), representing an annual Birth Rate of 21·46 per 1,000 of the population.

The number of Deaths registered during the same period was 105, including five at the Connaught Hospital, Aldershot, seven at the Farnham Workhouse, and two at the Guildford County Hospital, which represents an annual Death Rate of 8·8 per 1,000 of the population.

Pulmonary Consumption accounted for nine Deaths, which is at the rate of ·7 per 1,000.

Six Deaths were due to Heart Disease : ·5 per 1,000.

Suicide accounted for one Death.

Deaths of Infants under one year were 14 in number, which in proportion to the number of Births gives a ratio of 55.

From the above statistics it will be noticed that the General Death Rate is exceedingly low, and the Infantile Mortality is far less than at any past period.

Zymotic Diseases.

1. SMALL POX.—None.

2. DIPHTHERIA.—Eight cases notified, which were localised as follows :—

(a).	Camberley	...	...	6 cases in 5 houses.
(b).	Frimley	...	...	1 case.
(c).	Mytchett	...	...	1 case.

All cases were nursed at home. In one instance the drains ran under the house ; one case was contracted outside the District. Three cases proved fatal.

3. SCARLET FEVER.—Twenty-two cases reported, which were distributed as follows :—

(a).	Camberley	...	...	6 cases in 6 houses.
(b).	Yorktown	...	...	1 case.
(c).	Frimley	...	...	12 cases in 10 houses.
	„ Deepcut	...	...	3 cases.

Seventeen were removed to the Council's Isolation Hospital, three to the Aldershot Military Hospital, and two were treated at home. Two of the cases were imported from outside the District.

4. TYPHOID.—Two cases. One Patient died at home, the other was removed to the Reading Hospital and recovered. In one case the disease was contracted outside the District.

5. MEASLES.—An epidemic of this disease occurred during the summer months, and accounted for one death.

6. WHOOPING COUGH.—This Disease was very prevalent throughout the District at the end of the year.

7. ERYSIPELAS.—Four cases notified.

The Total number of deaths from the above diseases was five, representing an annual Zymotic Death Rate of ·4 per 1,000.

Monthly Summary of Notifications of Infectious Diseases :—

	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Erysipelas.	Typhoid.	Total.
January	1	1	1	—	3
February	1	1	—	—	2
March	1	1	—	—	2
April	2	3	—	—	5
May	2	—	1	—	3
June	—	—	—	1	1
July	—	2	1	—	3
August	—	—	—	—	—
September	1	—	—	1	2
October	—	—	1	—	1
November	8	—	—	—	8
December	6	—	—	—	6
	22	8	4	2	36

General Sanitary Matters.

NEW BUILDINGS.—The Sanitary Committee passed plans for 90 Houses, of which 21 were for dwellings for the working classes. Four houses formerly draining into Cesspools have been connected with the Public Sewers.

WATER SUPPLY.—Ninety-one additional houses in the District have been connected with the Public Supply during the year, making a total number of houses supplied by the Company in the Frimley Urban District, 1,400.

Twenty samples of Well Water were examined, four of which were found unfit for drinking purposes, and three were of a doubtful character. As a result of this six houses have been connected with the Public Supply.

ISOLATION HOSPITAL.—Seventeen cases of Scarlet Fever were admitted during the year, all of which were discharged cured.

FRIMLEY SCHOOLS.—These Schools were closed in December for a few weeks on account of the spread of Scarlet Fever amongst the children.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.—There are 89 Workshops and one Factory upon the Register, as follows :—

Jewellers and Watch Repairers	...	...	4	Bootmakers	...	...	10
Harness Makers, Saddlers, &c.	...	...	4	Coachbuilders	...	...	3
Tailors	...	...	10	Printers	...	...	2
Dressmakers and Milliners	...	...	5	Smiths	...	...	4
Cycle Makers	...	...	5	Basket Makers	...	...	1
Cabinet Makers	...	...	7	Masons	...	...	2
Builders, Fitters, Painters, &c.	...	...	19	Bakehouses	...	...	13

The Bakehouses have been notified when Limewashing has been required, and 27 Inspections have been made, 72 have been made to the other Workshops, and where necessary notice has been served for Limewashing, &c.

DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS.—At the commencement of the year there were thirty names upon the Register, since when two have changed ownership and one fresh name added, so that at the present time the total is thirty-one. Fourteen of these are Cowkeepers, Dairywomen, and Milksellers (in three instances only a small quantity of surplus milk is sold).

One Cowkeeper who sells no milk converts it into butter, and two others sell the milk wholesale. There are five Milksellers in the District who keep no Cows, and three from other Districts who deliver from their carts.

Six of the Cowsheds are in excellent condition, and several others comply with the Regulations; one which was in compliance with the old Regulations has been greatly improved during the year.

RAINFALL.—The following is a monthly record of the rainfall for the District, making a total for the year of 19·06 inches :—

January	...	...	·54 inches	July	...	...	·71 inches.
February	...	...	·71 "	August	...	...	2·59 "
March	...	...	2·47 "	September	...	...	1·93 "
April	...	...	1·09 "	October	...	...	1·38 "
May	...	...	·97 "	November	...	...	2·33 "
June	...	...	3·73 "	December	...	...	·61 "

Mr. Hartfree resigned the post of Sanitary Inspector in June, and was succeeded by Mr. Maskery, to whom I am greatly indebted for much valuable assistance, and for the manner in which he has carried out his duties.

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1905.

Notifiable Disease.	Cases notified in Whole District at all Ages.	Total Cases Notified in each Locality.				No. of Cases removed to Hospital from each Locality.			
		Camberley	Yorktown.	Frimley.	Mytchett.	Camberley	Yorktown.	Frimley.	Mytchett.
Diphtheria	8	6	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
Membranous Croup	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	22	6	1	15	—	5	1	14	—
Enteric Fever	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	36	13	2	16	1	5	1	14	—

CAUSES OF, AND AGES AT, DEATH DURING YEAR 1905.

Diseases.	Deaths at the subjoined ages of "Residents" whether occurring in or beyond the District.						
	All ages.	Under 1 year.	1 and under 5.	5 and under 15.	15 and under 25.	25 and under 65.	65 and upwards.
Measles	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria and membranous croup	3	—	—	3	—	—	—
Fever, Enteric	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
Diarrhœa	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
Enteritis	3	1	—	1	—	1	—
Phthisis (Pulmonary Tuberculosis)	9	—	—	1	1	7	—
Cancer, malignant disease	6	—	—	—	—	5	1
Bronchitis	9	3	—	—	—	—	6
Pneumonia	9	1	3	—	—	2	3
Other diseases of Respiratory organs	2	2	—	—	—	—	—
Alcoholism—Cirrhosis of liver	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Premature birth	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
Diseases and accidents of parturition	2	1	—	—	—	1	—
Heart diseases	6	—	—	—	—	3	3
Accidents	2	—	—	1	—	1	—
Suicides	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
All other causes	48	4	2	2	3	17	20
All causes	105	14	6	8	4	39	34

INFANTILE MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1905.

CAUSE OF DEATH.	Under 1 Week.	1-2 Weeks.	2-3 Weeks.	3-4 Weeks.	1-2 Months.	2-3 Months.	3-4 Months.	4-5 Months.	5-6 Months.	6-7 Months.	7-8 Months.	8-9 Months.	9-10 Months.	10-11 Months.	11-12 Months.	Total Deaths under One Year.
Common Infectious Diseases—																
Measles	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Diarrhœal Diseases—																
Diarrhœa, all forms	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Enteritis (not Tuberculous)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Wasting Diseases—																
Premature Birth	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Atrophy, Debility, Marasmus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Convulsions	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	3
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Other Causes	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4
	4	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	2	—	1	—	1	2	14